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SUBJECT: GOB SOUNDS POSITIVE NOTE ON AMBASSADOR PROSPER'S
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(SBU) PolOff delivered reftel demarche to Eusebe Agbangla, the interim director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Office of International Relations on November 23, 2007. Agbangla indicated that while he could not, at this time, promise the definitive support of the GOB for Ambassador Pierre-Richard Prosper, the GOB greatly values its relations with the United States and would probably vote in Ambassador Prosper's favor at the CERD committee meeting in January 2008. Post notes that Benin's Mission to the U.N. has considerable leeway and should be lobbied as well to gain the GOB's support for Ambassador Prosper.

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